

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12-05-04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-25.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 21 April 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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This is in response to Applicant's amendment filed on December 05, 2004 in which claims 1, 7, 11 and 25 were amended.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-25 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-25 are allowable over the prior art of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention is directed to a glossary management tool that makes it easy for each client to customize terminology to the needs of a particular business. With this tool, termed a glossary manager, a company can customize a number of feature names in the system to provide a more familiar context for their users. The closest prior art [Desai et al. U.S. Patent no. 6,072,904 in view of Schultz U.S. Patent no. 5,721,902 and further in view of Hoffert et al. U.S. Patent 5,903,892] disclose a method for use with a system for storing digital media records. However, they fail to show the methodology of **receiving from a first user, a change to one of the parameter that define an extent to which a search engine expand search terms; receiving from a second user, a search request and performing, by the search engine, a search determined by the search request and determined by the stored parameters and reporting the search results to the second user.** This claim feature being present in independent claim 1 render claim 1 allowable over the prior art of record. Claims 2-6 are allowable over the

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prior art of record because the prior art of record fail to show a methodology for a user to send a query by first, selecting information from a display portion and second, providing text information and performing a search with respect to the first and second information. Claims 7-8 are allowable over the prior art of record because they fail to show the claimed feature of ranking the second selected digital media records downward for at least one second selected digital media record that was selected by at least one first user or by a plurality of first users. Claim 9, 13-25 are allowable over the prior art of record because they fail to show the claimed feature of ranking the second selected digital media records downward for at least one second selected digital media record that was selected by at least a predetermined number of times by first users. Claim 10 is allowable because the prior art of record fail to show displaying said first selected digital media records presented in an order, said order defining a first-presented first selected digital media record; logging the event of a first user purchasing said first-presented first selected digital media record; and reporting to a second user, the frequency of occurrence of the logged event. Claims 11-12 are allowable because the prior art of record fail to show displaying said first selected digital media records presented in an order, said order defining a first-presented first selected digital media record; logging the event of a first issuing several consecutive search requests, and receiving respective first selected digital media requests greater in number than a predetermined threshold for said several consecutive search requests; reporting to a second user, the frequency of occurrence of the logged events.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frantz Coby whose telephone number is 571 272 4017. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Saturday 3:00PM-10:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Safet Metjahic can be reached on 571 272 4023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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